Year	Total Exports (in Rs. Crores)	Total Exports (in Million US $)
April '90—January '91	6655	3709
April '91—January '92	9324	3829
April '92—January '93*	12576	4398

*Provisional

Source: Textile Export Promotion Councils/Commodity Boards.

Total textile exports during April '92—January '93 registered an increase of 34.9 per cent in Rupee terms and 14.9 per cent in US dollar terms over the performance during April '91—January '92.

Pilferage of steam coal

*270. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that about 20 million tonnes of steam coal is pilfered directly;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to prevent this pilferage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

However, stock of coal in mines is usually spread over huge area and at many places, without boundary or fencing arrangements. In the absence of such arrangements, perrons from adjoining hebitations attempt to lift coal in lump or in gunny bags, etc. Such pilferage is checked by security personnel of the coal companies or Central Industrial Security Force deployed, on their rounds and necessary action is taken. As and when attempts for pilferage by carts or by trucks are detected, administrative and legal actions are also taken.

Problems of cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh

*271. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cotton growers are facing crisis in Guntur and Prakasam districts of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether any representations have been received by Government in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. It has been urged that the cotton growers in Andhra Pradesh should get fair prices of the cotton produced by way of allowing exports and the Cotton Corporation of India should be directed to enter the market to protect the interests of the cotton growers.

(c) The Government has so far released 14.955 lakh bales of cotton for export and have also directed Cotton Corporation of India to intensify cotton purchases in the State.